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Give BIG San Bernardino County Raises Half a Million for Nonprofits

SAN BERNARDINO- MAY 9, 2014: The Give BIG San Bernardino County web-athon raised a total of **\$548,214 from 2,465 individuals making 3,533 donations to the participating 262 nonprofits** throughout our county, exceeding the goal of raising \$300,000. These nonprofits offer a variety of services from education to healthcare to recreational activities.

Give Big is a 24-hour online give day throughout San Bernardino County that raised funds for the local nonprofits that serve our communities. This was our county's first ever dedicated day of giving and this philanthropic effort was meant to build a culture of philanthropy in our community.

San Bernardino County nonprofits are significantly underfunded by foundations and state and federal departments. Seeing a need to bolster the nonprofits we so heavily rely on, Supervisor Ramos spearheaded this important effort.

Supervisor James Ramos personally spent the day of giving traveling throughout the third district to highlight each community's effort in raising awareness for this day of giving. He was proud and elevated with the results. Give BIG Results Page 2 May 9, 2014

"Our county came together in a way it never has before. Raising this amount of money in just one day is an incredible task. I'm so proud of the 400 volunteers, the 262 nonprofits and the residents of San Bernardino County," said **Supervisor Ramos** when he learned of the final results. "We asked and you answered. We truly have amazing people who are doing remarkable things and when these people are called upon to deliver, they go above and beyond anyone's expectations. Our County gave big and in a big way."

Part of the money raised came from companies throughout the county that gave a total of \$33,000 in sponsorship dollars to help make this event possible. Supervisor Ramos had personally pledged an **additional \$1,500** to the third district nonprofit with the highest number of donors. This donation will go to the **Lighthouse Project Inc.** of Big Bear who received donations from 222 individuals. Supervisor Ramos will personally deliver the check.

With the success of this year's day of giving, Supervisor Ramos hopes this effort continues in the future, increasing the amount raised and the number of individuals who participate.

Information about the Give BIG campaign can be found at www.givebigsbcounty.org.

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